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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: Method and Apparatus for Providing
High Quality Transmissions in a
Telecommunications System

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The present application is the National filing of International Application No. PCT/EP99/08273. Before calculation of the National filing fee in the United States, it is requested that the application be amended as follows:

In The Claims:

Cancel claims 1-25, the only claims in the International Application, and substitute new claims 26-62 as follows:

26. A method of operating a telecommunications system comprising the steps of:

transmitting substantially simultaneously over separate first and second telecommunication channels a first and a second forward error correction coded signal, respectively, each of the first and second signals nominally containing the same user information and the first and second signals being digital signals;

forward error correction coding at least a portion of the first signal; and

forward error correction coding at least a portion of the second signal;

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